**Request from Assam Government for Flood Control Projects**

2872. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Assam has submitted any proposal to the Government for initiating flood control projects in the State; and

(b) if so, the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The State Government of Assam has submitted 109 flood control proposal/projects to the Central Water Commission (CWC) since April 1999. Out of these, 47 projects have been techno-economically cleared by CWC and 31 have been accorded investment clearance by the Planning Commission. Another 27 projects have been examined by CWC and comments have been sent to the State Government. 15 projects were deleted from the current list for examination due to earlier non-response of State Government over a year or enhanced powers of the State Government for such clearances.

**Norms for sanctioning Financial Assistance from National Calamity Relief Fund**

2873. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to change the norms for sanctioning central assistance from the National Calamity Relief Fund;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the State-wise account of damage due to flood and erosion in the current financial year and the amount of relief claimed by the respective States;

(d) the State-wise grant recommended after assessment by central team and release, so far, showing date of assessment made; and

(e) the amount of fund released and utilization status of FDR fund